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REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending in the application, claims 18-59, 64, and 65 having been withdrawn from consideration by an Election. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 18-59, 64, and 65 of Groups II, III, and IV in response to an earlier restriction requirement, without prejudice and with all rights preserved to present the withdrawn claims for examination in a subsequently filed divisional application;

Claims 1-17 and 60-63 remain in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 4 and further canceled claim 15. Claims 2, 3, 5-14, 16, and 17 remain in the application without amendment.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 60-63 are allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indicated allowability of claims 4-7 and 15 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 4 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1. Accordingly, independent claim 4 as rewritten, and claims 5-7 depending therefrom, should be allowed in the next Office action.

Applicant has rewritten independent claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable claim 15. Accordingly, independent claim 1 as rewritten, and claims 2, 3, 8-14, 16, and 17 depending therefrom, should be allowed in the next Office action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should any issues remain

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unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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